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1988 FOSSIL FAIR

November 5th was a dreary wet day in Raleigh NC. But that didn't stop several hundred people from driving miles and miles to see the N.C. Fossil club members exhibit their fantastic fossils at the Museum of Natural Science. People brought some of their own fossils for the very knowledgeable experts from the Smithsonian to see and identify. Kids of all ages got to fossil hunt, build puzzles and play games with the help of Patricia Kohler who organized the whole set up for them. Patricia went to a lot of trouble to make it interesting, educational and most of all FUN for the kids. People could walk through the museum and see fossils that club members have collected over the years from all over the world. Frank and Becky Hyne had the most fossils there and their display was absolutely beautiful! Other club members that exhibited were Michael Hogan, Doug Meier, Jim Knowles, Joe and Sarah Milkovits, and Tom and Pam Burns. Thank you all for being a part of this years fossil fair. Randy Nunnery donated a large sharks tooth in matrix which was the door prize. Thanks Randy. Sara Groce, sister of one of the clubs younger members, won the door prize. There were many other club members around to help with the days activities. Thanks to Judy and Vince Schneider who were in charge of setting up everything at the museum and for the catered food for the club members.

ANNUAL MEETING

At our annual meeting at the Museum of Natural Science on November 5th the major business conducted was the election of a new NCFC president and four directors.

Elected to two-year terms on the board were Judy Schneider, Tom Burns, Jim Knowles and John Everett. Vince Schneider was elected President of the NCFC. Michael Allen was elected to the board to fulfill Vince's remaining one year term.

The NCFC donated \$200.00 to the Society of Vertebrate Paleontology.

Two grants were giving this year to students in the geology paleontology fields. They are Carolyn Zimmerman and Al Robb. Carolyn is a long time club member who attends UNC at Wilmington NC. She received \$150.00. Al Robb is also a member of the club and attends Penn State. He received \$250.00. Congratulations to both of you. Keep up the good work.

One of our long time club members was missed at the fossil fair this year. Red Dwyer was in the hospital recovering from surgery. We wish you the best Red and hope you get well soon.

TRIASSIC TRIP REPORT

Tom Burns led a group of eight club members to Egypt Mine in Gulf, NC. Everyone got fish teeth, coprolites, fish scales and phytosaur teeth. The best find of the day was a phytosaur tail vertebrae. Ron Venezia found it and it was the first Tom had seen come out of the mine. A really good find Ron!

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Texasgulf Fossil Trip

Shortly after 9:00, Sept. 24, the bus pulled away from the Texasgulf Phosphate Mine parking lot with 50 eager members of the N.C. Fossil Club. Within 5 minutes of our arrival at the site, and barely 50 feet away from the bus, a seal skull was found by our bus driver, Becky Hyne. I watched, envious of her keen eyesight, as she carefully covered the rare find with kleenex and paper towels and then enclosed it in a plaster cast wrapping for later shipment to the Smithsonian for their further analysis.

Over the next 4-6 hours, the overburden was scrutinized for the elusive toothy remains of the Great White Shark and other fossils as we climbed up and down the many hills of Yorktown and Pungo River material. By 1:30 the oppressive heat and sun had taken its toll, and many of us had made it back to the bus for the 2:00 departure. A smaller group had already left around noon and only a few remaining die-hards were going to wait for the final 3:00 departure.

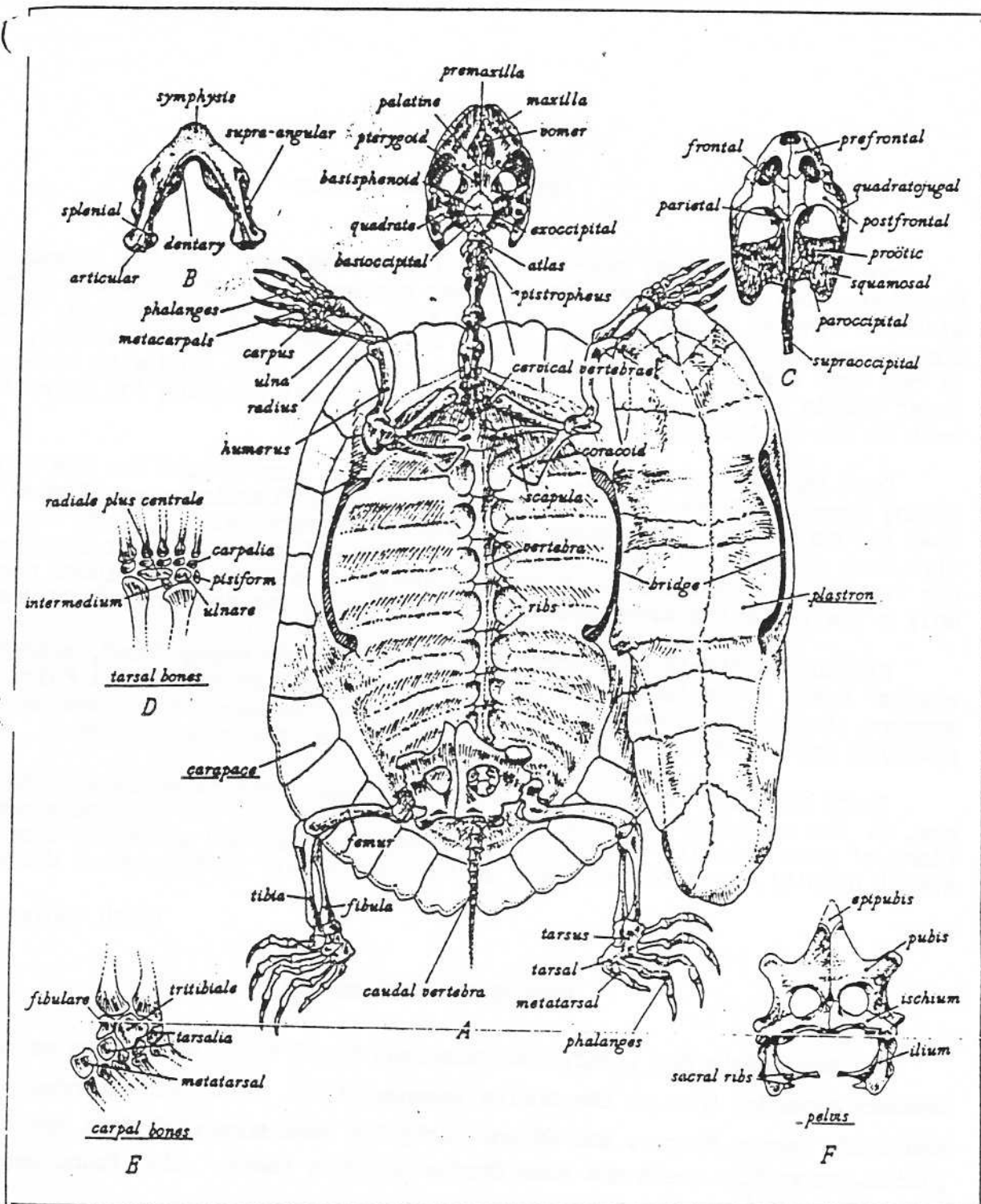
Although I didn't hear about any 5-6 inch teeth being found, over 125 sharks' teeth of various sizes were donated for use at the Fossil Fair. Several members, including Ed and Larry Cox and Richard Chandler, also gave away many porpoise and whale vertebra and other fossils for the same purpose.

Thank you all for: 1. buying 32 Fossil Club T-shirts while waiting for the bus, 2. for everyone coming and showing up on time, 3. for your generous donations of your fossils, 4. and for surviving the heat and assisting those who almost didn't! Hope to see y'all at the Fossil Fair in Raleigh on November 5.

Trish Kohler

WADE'S BAY TRIP REPORT

On the Wade's Bay, Maryland Paleocene field trip, four times as many members attended than on the Spring Pamunkey trip. All four attendees, Ken Gadd, George Fonger, and Ed and Larry Cox went home with full ray dental plates, crocodile teeth and some Otodus obliquus teeth. Also found were many of the sand shark teeth of *Striatolamia macrota*.



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